REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on November 27, 2007.

Claims 1, 10, 15 and 24 are amended, no claims are canceled or added; as a result, claims 1-28 remain pending in this application. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification and in particular on pages 14-18 and 21-22. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been introduced with the amendments.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Information Disclosure Statement and 1449 form filed July 27, 2005 has been considered by the Examiner. However, there is no indication that the Examiner has considered the Information Disclosure Statement and 1449 Form filed on June 30, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that initialed copy of the 1449 Form be returned to Applicants' Representatives to indicate that the cited references have been considered by the Examiner. A Copy of the 1449 Form filed June 30, 2004 is enclosed.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 10 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. In particular, the Office Action stated that it was "unclear how a location can comprise a list of messages." Applicant has amended claims 10 and 24 to clarify that the location comprises an identifier for the message queue. An identifier for a message queue indicates a location for the queue. In view of the amendment, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and the withdrawal of the rejection.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for anticipation by Gatto et al. (U.S. Patent 6,916,247). Anticipation requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference of each element of the claim under consideration. *In re Dillon* 919 F.2d 688, 16 USPQ 2d 1897, 1908 (Fed. Cir. 1990) (en banc), cert. denied, 500 U.S. 904 (1991). It is not enough, however, that the prior art reference discloses all the claimed elements in isolation. Rather, "[a]nticipation requires the presence in a single prior reference disclosure of each and every element of the claimed

invention, *arranged as in the claim*." *Lindemann Maschinenfabrik GmbH v. American Hoist & Derrick Co.*, 730 F.2d 1452, 221 USPQ 481, 485 (Fed. Cir. 1984) (citing *Connell v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 722 F.2d 1542, 220 USPQ 193 (Fed. Cir. 1983)) (emphasis added). Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-28 as amended are not anticipated because the claims contain elements not found in Gatto.

In general, the independent claims recite systems and methods that provide a three party handshake for providing a gaming service on a wagering game network using an authorization service. The gaming service first sends service information to a discovery agent, the discovery agent uses the authorization service to authorize and authenticate the gaming service and based on the response received from the authorization service the discovery service publishes the service information. A client such as a wagering game machine desiring to use the gaming service obtains the service information from the discovery agent and uses the service information to contact the gaming service. Applicant respectfully submits that when the claims are considered as a whole, Gatto does not disclose the claimed inventive subject matter.

For example, claim 1 recites "sending service information for a gaming service to a discovery agent on the gaming network." Claim 15 recites similar elements regarding a service sending service information to a discovery agent. Applicant has reviewed Gatto and can find no disclosure of a service sending service information about a gaming management service to a discovery agent on a gaming network.

Further, claim 1 recites "determining by the discovery agent using the authorization response that the gaming service is authentic and authorized, publishing by the discovery agent service information to a service repository to make the gaming service available on the gaming network." Claim 15 recites similar language with respect to a discovery agent authenticating and authorizing a gaming management service using a response from an authorization service. Applicant has reviewed Gatto and can find no teaching or suggestion of authenticating and authorizing a service such as an gaming management service. Further, there is no disclosure in Gatto of a discovery agent that authenticates and authorizes a gaming management service for a gaming network using an authorization service.

In view of the above, claims 1 and 15 recite elements that are not taught or suggested by Gatto. Therefore claims 1 and 15 are not anticipated by Gatto. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 15.

Claims 2-14 depend from claim 1 and claims 16-28 depend from claim 15. These dependent claims inherit the elements of their respective base claims 1 and 15 and are not anticipated by Gatto for at least the reasons discussed above regarding their respective base claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2-14 and 16-28.

Reservation of Rights

In the interest of clarity and brevity, Applicant may not have equally addressed every assertion made in the Office Action, however, this does not constitute any admission or acquiescence. Applicant reserves all rights not exercised in connection with this response, such as the right to challenge or rebut any tacit or explicit characterization of any reference or of any of the present claims, the right to challenge or rebut any asserted factual or legal basis of any of the rejections, the right to swear behind any cited reference such as provided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, or the right to assert co-ownership of any cited reference. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited references or any other references of record are relevant to the present claims, or that they constitute prior art. To the extent that any rejection or assertion is based upon the Examiner's personal knowledge, rather than any objective evidence of record as manifested by a cited prior art reference, Applicant timely objects to such reliance on Official Notice, and reserves all rights to request that the Examiner provide a reference or affidavit in support of such assertion, as required by MPEP § 2144.03. Applicant reserves all rights to pursue any cancelled claims in a subsequent patent application claiming the benefit of priority of the present patent application, and to request rejoinder of any withdrawn claim, as required by MPEP § 821.04.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (612) 373-6954 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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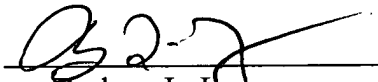
By 
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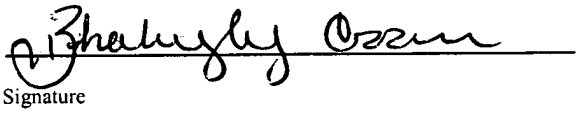
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